Accountant General's office.

545. MR. KAYNARA GOPALA PANICKER: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(*a*) how the special test examination is being conducted, the chief authority who conducts the examination, sets question papers, values them and announces the results:

(*b*) whether any remuneration is allowed for setting papers and valuing them, and if so the rates allowed in each case;

(*c*) are these rates comparatively very high when compared with the rates of other Government examinations;

(*d*) whether any separate examination as this is instituded for Secretariat staff, besides the Account Test Examination common to all departments?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: (*a*) Once a year by the Accountant General who nominates with the approval of Government, examiners from the Accounts and Finance Departments, to set the question papers and value the answer books. The Accountant General announces the results after obtaining sanction of Government in the Finance Department.

(*b*) Yes.

Rates.

Setting fee for question paper:	Rs. 25 for each paper.
Valuation fee:	Chs. 21 per paper of 3 hours' duration.
	Chs. 17½ per paper of less than 3 hours.

(*c*) Not very high.

(*d*) No.

Copra Cess.

*546. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state: whether copra cess has been collected from oil mills which do not come under the term 'Factories' Hon'ble Mr. T. K. Narayana Pillai;

Yes.

Officers employed in the Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore Ltd., etc.

*547. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of officers employed in that Fertilisers and Chemicals, Travancore Ltd., the Forest Industries (Travancore) Ltd., and the Travancore Rayons Ltd., respectively who are drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 150 and more; and

(*b*) the number among them who are Travancoreans and non-Travancoreans respectively?

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